

# OUR MISSION

The Boggs Center values uniqueness and individuality and promotes the self-determination and full participation of people with disabilities and their families in all aspects of community life. As a catalyst and resource, The Boggs Center, through partnerships and collaborations, builds capacity in organizations, systems, and communities in a culturally competent manner.

The Boggs Center prepares students through interdisciplinary programs, provides community training and technical assistance, conducts research, and disseminates information and educational materials.



The Boggs Center is named for Elizabeth Monroe Boggs, PhD (pictured above), considered to have been the leading authority in the field of developmental disabilities policy.



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*New Jersey's University Center for Excellence  
in Developmental Disabilities  
Education, Research, and Service*

*New Jersey's Leadership Education  
in Neurodevelopmental and  
Related Disabilities Program*



**The Boggs Center on Disability and Human Development** is part of a national network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDD) and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs. An integral community health component of Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Department of Pediatrics, the Center has emphasized a community based, lifespan approach to meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families since its inception in 1983.

Authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, UCEDDs provide a leadership role at the state level in the promotion of independence, productivity, and the full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. LEND programs are authorized under the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support (CARES) Act to prepare graduate-level trainees, family members, and people with disabilities to collaboratively address the needs of those with disabilities and other maternal and child health populations.

The Boggs Center provides community and student training and technical assistance, conducts research, and disseminates information and educational materials. Activities of The Boggs Center are guided by its Consumer Advisory Council and partnerships with people with disabilities, families, state and community agencies, and policy makers.



# PROGRAM AREAS

The Boggs Center offers training, consultation, and informational resources on topics relevant to addressing the needs of and supporting people with disabilities and families across the life course, including:



**Behavior & Mental Health**



**Health & Well-being**



**Direct Support Professional Workforce Development**



**Inclusive Community Supports**



**Education & Post-secondary Success**



**Leadership Development & Education for People with Disabilities and Families**



**Employment**



**Public Policy**

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

The Boggs Center prepares university students and trainees to support individuals with disabilities and their families and provide leadership in the field of developmental disabilities through participation in academic experiences, including:

- New Jersey Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (NJLEND) program
- Medical education for fellows, residents, and students
- Interprofessional training for students from a range of academic backgrounds and experiences

## RESEARCH

The Boggs Center contributes to the development of new knowledge, evaluation of current and promising practices, and implementation of innovative initiatives through research and special projects related to disability and human development across the life course.

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